

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 19, 2021

4th Sunday of Advent

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Parochial Vicar: Fr. Matthew Keller, C.P.P.S.

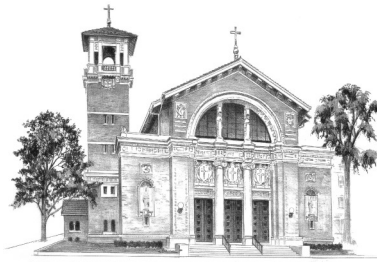
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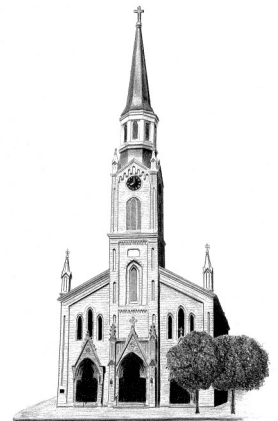
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 20

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Molly Kathleen Winchester
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Reid "Jerry" Russell

Tuesday, December 21

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Theodore Randall
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Wes Cales

Wednesday, December 22

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Robert & Dolores Kappeler Jr
12:00 AM St. Joseph.....Mario Jurassich

Thursday, December 23

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Nat Smargiassi
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....George Peloquin

Friday, December 24

4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Susan Carpec O'Kane
5:00 PM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners
5:15 PM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners
10:00 PM Emmanuel.....Fr. Paul Witthauer
12:00 PM Holy Trinity.....Tom Aldridge

Saturday, December 25

9:00 AM Holy Trinity.....Jerry Glaser
10:00 AM St. Joseph.....John Kuntz Jr
10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Living & deceased James & Evelyn McCarthy Family

Sunday, December 26

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Ed Clemans
9:00 AM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners
10:00 AM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners
10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Living & deceased Penno & Hathaway Families
11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....For all those who are ill

Next Week's Readings:

Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28 or Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14; Psalms 84: 2-3, 5-6, 9-10; First John 3: 1-2, 21-24 or Colossians 3: 12-21; Luke 2: 41-52

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Miraculous Medal Novena with Adoration and Benediction at Emmanuel on Tuesdays 7:00 PM

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FR. MATT'S REFLECTION

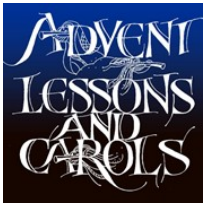
We all know people who can tell a good story with a straight face that seems to be true, you believe the story to be true, and then you realize the story is fiction. Then they tell you another story and it seems to be real, but you do not believe it, and the story ends up being true. Then they tell you a third story and you are not sure whether to believe the story or not believe the story.

In our scriptures today we encounter two women who are pregnant - Elizabeth with John the Baptist and Mary with Jesus. Two women who are pregnant that should not be. Elizabeth is advanced in age, beyond what would seem to be child bearing age, and Mary who is young, of child bearing age, but is not married. The message of the coming birth of John and Jesus came through the announcement of the Angel Gabriel. And with both announcements Zechariah and Mary responded by asking a question, "How shall I know this?" Zechariah says, "For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." (Luke 1:18) Mary says, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man." (Luke 1:34) Because Zechariah questions the angel, because he did not believe the angel, he loses his ability to speak until John is born. Mary is told that "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of Most High will overshadow you." (Luke 1:35) Elizabeth credits Mary with believing the Lord's message. I think most of us look to the example of Mary and want to be like Mary. We want to believe the message the Lord has for us.

But I must admit at times it is easy to be like Zechariah, to question the Lord's message or to doubt the Lord's message. Particularly when the message seems to be impossible. Not so much because we do not believe the message but because we've received messages of hope before and they have proven not to be true and have left us disappointed. Prior to the Angel's announcement to Zechariah about the coming birth of John, I wonder how many times he got his hopes up that Elizabeth would conceive a child but never did?

It is said that if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is too good to be true. Throughout this Advent we have been hearing the message that the Lord is coming. In our scriptures today we hear this message "You Bethlehem-Ephrathah, too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel" (Micah 5:1). This message may sound too good to be true, or the timing of Lord's return is so delayed we may question when is the Lord coming, is the Lord really coming, or did the Lord change his mind about coming? Like Mary, we know that this is too good to be true. It is true and we believe and know that Lord is coming, it is more than a made up story, it is a true story, it is a fact that the Lord is coming, like a long expected delayed guest. As we journey in these last days of Advent, may we be ready, may we live in a way that reflects that we know the Lord is coming soon.

REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Lessons and Carols: Today - Sunday, at 2:00 PM at St. Joseph's Church we will celebrate a service of scripture and song that recounts the Fall of Humanity, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each scripture lesson is followed by a carol or song that reflects the lesson's message and a brief prayer. This is a

wonderful way to prepare for the coming of Christmas!

Pope Francis Wants To Hear From You! - The Holy Father is asking for as many of the baptized as possible to participate in archdiocese-wide meetings taking place in January and February, 2022, to discuss how we can collectively better advance the message of salvation. Please consider participating in one the 12 scheduled meetings. To learn more and to sign up, please visit www.catholicaoc.org/synod.

REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Advent Confession Schedule

December 20th 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church
December 21st 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church
December 21st 6:30 PM at Emmanuel Church
December 22nd 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church
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December 23rd 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church
No Confessions December 24-26th
No Saturday 4:30 or 5:15 PM Mass on December 25th – Christmas Evening

Please note the Schedule Changes for Next Weekend



There is no 7:30 AM Mass at Emmanuel Church or 12:00 Noon Mass at St. Joseph Church on December 24th, Christmas Eve. Also, there are no confessions in our parishes from December 24-26th. On Christmas Day there is no 4:30 PM Mass at St. Joseph Church and no 5:15 PM Mass at Emmanuel Church. Because the Saturday evening Masses are canceled on Christmas Day we are adding two Masses on Sunday, December 26th, a 9:00 AM Mass at Emmanuel Church and a 12:00 Noon Mass at St. Joseph Church. Please review the Christmas Mass schedule included in today's bulletin.

Tornado Relief: There will be a special collection today to help those in need and the Church that has been severely affected by the recent tornados that have devastated many especially in our neighboring dioceses in Kentucky. These are the most powerful tornados America has seen. There are reports of widespread damage to buildings, roads and other infrastructure. The funds will be used to support the efforts to respond to emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, medical care and other humanitarian needs.

Note from Fr. Angelo – My family and I thank you for your prayerful support offered for my Mom during her recent health crisis. She is out of the hospital and slowly regaining her strength at home with family members assisting her. God bless you for your concern and generous gift of prayers.

Religious give thanks. A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Dayton Catholic Young Adults (DCYS) – Please visit the website of DCYA <https://www.daytoncatholicya.com> to find out more about the variety of activities that are planned for young adults in the Dayton area.

SVdP Fundraiser: Yes, it's still early - but drive-thru dinner orders and raffle tickets make great stocking stuffers! Information in the back of church or parish website. Thank you for helping us help others.

Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) Tuition Grants - The Catholic Education Foundation of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is now accepting K-8 tuition assistance grant applications for the 2022-2023 school year. The application period runs through February 6, 2022. To apply visit <https://factsmgmt.com/>. To learn more visit <http://www.catholicbestchoice.org/>.

Beacons of Light Update... On December 5th, Archbishop Schnurr announced the final configuration of parishes that will make up the new Families of Parishes. You may access the final Families of Parishes at <https://catholicaoc.org/beacons-of-light>.

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

Rebekka Anders	Caleb Fowler	David Musgrove
Yves Benimana	Nicholas Kern	Diane Nyirasimbi
Michael Borgert	Morgan Konsdorf	Anthony Pelfrey
John Carner	Cody Landers	Jessica Pruitt
Kelli Anne Cartuyvelles	Greg Marcus	Aimee Storm
Jon Chachula	Alex McGarvey	Susan Varmuza
Laura Chachula	Zachary McIntyre	Justin Williams

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 12, 2021

Weekend Offertory:	Budget:	Collection
	\$6,400.00	\$4,517.41
Religious Retirement:		\$1,213.00

*Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.
Fr. Angelo and Fr. Matt*

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 12, 2021

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$12,814.00
St. Vincent dePaul:	\$ 1,281.40
Year to date deficit:	\$ 3,740.00
Religious Retirement:	\$ 1,829.00

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Prayer List

Virginia Allen	Gary George	Tony Rocco
Dave Cartuyvelles	Craig Hathaway	Randy Rosenthal
Nancy Cartuyvelles	George Hendrix	Robert Thoman
Michael Dalessio	Kathleen Knight	Jan Timerding
Marilyn Dehner	Trisha Junker	Special Intention
Anna Espy	Thomas Ledinsky	Adam
Annette & John Fohl	Patrick McDonald	Daniel
Cindy Gardina	Phyllis Pence	Helen

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 24th.

Thank you to all parishioners who brought gifts for our Giving Tree. These gifts will help the families served by the Elizabeth's New Life Center. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

The Ultimate Guide to Advent

The 2021 edition of The Ultimate Guide to Advent from The Catholic Telegraph is now available! The guide is free, downloadable and filled with everything from faith traditions to favorite recipes, an Advent Novena, family activities and more. It's the perfect companion for a peaceful and joyful Advent. To download the Ultimate Guide to Advent, please visit www.thecatholictelegraph.com today!

Holy Father's Prayer Intention...Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

From the Joyful Noiseletter:

"Christmas – what other time of the year do you sit in front of a dead tree and eat candy out of your sock?" - *Author unknown*

Our Sympathy is extended to the family of Ann Thesing, buried from Holy Trinity this past Wednesday. May she rest comfortably in the arms of our Father.

Welcome to the newest member of the Holy Trinity Parish family, Oliver James Becker, baptized last Sunday. Congratulations to the proud parents, Adam and Shannon Becker.

Please join with us after the 11:30 Mass to help get ready for the Christmas Season. We will be setting up the stable, trees, wreaths and decoration on our big tree. Many hands will make for light work for all.

Church Cleaning: We will be cleaning the church tomorrow morning (Monday) starting at 9:00 a.m. If you can spare the time to help clean the pews, the kneelers, altars, and miscellaneous objects, please come and lend a hand. If everything is not done during the morning shift, we will have a second shift at 6:00 p.m. Please call the parish office to see if the second shift is needed.

Our Advent Almsgiving Project this year is for the most needed item for the less fortunate in our area – simply, warm socks - socks for children, men and women. They may be placed under the giving tree in the sanctuary. Thank you in advance for your generosity. We will be distributing the socks the week of December 26.



Would you like to help beautify the sanctuary for the Christmas Season?

We are accepting monetary donations for plants in memory of deceased loved ones, family member or just to give honor and glory to God in this special place, Holy Trinity. Simply place your donation in an envelope with the names

of the persons you wish remembered, mark "Christmas Flowers" on the envelope and drop in the collection basket. Today is the last day to submit names to the parish office.

Offertory Envelopes for 2022 are available for you to pick up in the back of church. If you do not see a set for you, and you wish to use this method of supporting our parish, please call the parish office and we will prepare a packet for you. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Eve

4:30 PM Mass at St. Joseph Church
5:00 PM Mass at Holy Trinity Church
5:15 PM Mass at Emmanuel Church
10:00 PM Mass at Emmanuel Church
12:00 Midnight Mass Holy Trinity Church

No Confessions December 24-26th

Christmas Day

9:00 AM Mass at Holy Trinity Church
10:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph Church
10:30 AM Mass at Emmanuel Church

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On the 25th – Christmas Day*

Sunday, December 26th

8:30 AM Mass at Holy Trinity Church
9:00 AM Mass at Emmanuel Church
10:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph Church
10:30 AM Mass at Emmanuel Church
11:30 AM Mass at Holy Trinity Church
12:00 Noon Mass at St. Joseph Church



Merry Christmas

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 12, 2021

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$8,843.50
Charity:	\$ 882.00
Religious Retirement:	\$6,776.00

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We have about 75 bricks available to be engraved at the Holy Family Grotto. This would be a great way to remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion i.e., birthday, anniversary, or wedding. Forms are available in the back of church or email Rita.

We will be decorating the church for Christmas today, Sunday, starting at 3:00pm. Please join us as we make the Church even more beautiful for the season of Christmas.

One of our parishioners who has been helping live stream the Sunday Mass will be unable to help for several months due to a recent surgery. We won't be able to do the live stream of the Sunday Mass each week unless someone steps in to help. Training and written instructions provided. Can you help? Please call Rita 937-228-9272.

iPhone Found...An apple iPhone was found outside of St. Joseph Church a couple weeks ago. If you lost one, or know of someone who has, please call the rectory to verify ownership.

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Call the rectory if you would like to be added to the prayer list.

Cheryl Anderson	Marie Henry	Theresa Reiff
Austin Beggin & Family	Fran Karl	Sheila Riggs
Ron Bird	Colette Kropp	Tony Riggs
Jim Brokamp	Alma Landry	Janet Rudy-Gerrard
Bob Bruns	Colleen Maples	Jack Summers
Sara Bustetter	William Meikle	Rick Summers
Mooneen Caufield	Mary Beth O'Connor	Karen Thomas
Michael Culp	Greg Osif	Tony Trick
Rita Downs	Vanessa Padgett	Joann Weisenbach
Frank Fass	Tom Puckett	Sharon Wenzel
Bennett Hart	Victor Polovskis	Linda
Paul Hartke		

Part-time Maintenance position open at St. Joseph. The position is for general maintenance and upkeep of the parish buildings and grounds, 15 to 20 hours a week. Some electrical, plumbing and HVAC skills required. Please call or email resume to Rita at ritazatstjoseph@sbcglobal.net. Questions call Rita at 937-228-9272.

Parish Life Center

Memorial bricks donations: \$27,800
Wish list donations: \$44,855
Parish Life Center donations: \$731,888
Total Donations: \$804,543

Area Activities

The tri-state's largest Catholic Men's Conference of 2022 will feature Matthew Kelly and Gus Lloyd! Please join us for the 2022 E6 Catholic Men's Conference, on Saturday, February 26th 2022, at the East Central High School Performing Arts Center in St. Leon, IN. Please join us for inspiring talks, confession, celebration of the Holy Mass and fraternity with fellow men of Christ. We pride ourselves on presenting a quality, substance-driven, inspirational and faith-filled event that will change men's lives and help equip them to be the man Christ calls them to be. Tickets are on sale at www.e6cmc.com.

Annual Nativities Display at Maria Stein Shrine now through January 9th. This collection, donated by Tim and Katheleen Nealeigh, will feature over seventy-five nativities from around the world. We invite all families to the Shrine to experience this annual celebration of Christmas. The event is free and open to the public until January 9, 2022, during normal Shrine hours.

A Bicentennial History of the Archdiocese by Fr. David Endres would make a great Christmas gift and would deepen any reader's understanding and appreciation of the first 200 years of Catholic faith in this part of our country. The cost is \$29.95 including delivery, a tremendous value. Moreover, the book is in stock and ships virtually immediately! Really! You can order the book at the website for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati under "AOC Bicentennial Shop".

DivorceCare – Healing from separation or divorce - A 13 week support group; Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30 pm from Jan. 6 to Mar. 31; St. Francis of Assisi Church 6245 Wilmington Pike. For more information, contact Marcelle Toma at (937) 312-1157 (Not a texting number) or mtoma@woh.rr.com.

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